

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 231

Approved by the Governor March 18, 2009

Introduced by Avery, 28.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Development Commission; to amend section 81-3602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership and voting as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 81-3602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-3602 (1)(a) The Rural Development Commission shall consist of members who represent a wide range of rural Nebraska interests.

(b) The Governor shall appoint ~~four~~ five members to the commission. The Governor shall appoint a representative of his or her office and ~~one representative from each of the Department~~ the Director of Economic Development ~~or his or her designee~~, ~~the Department~~ Director of Agriculture ~~or his or her designee~~, ~~and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee~~, ~~and the Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society or his or her designee~~.

(c) The Speaker of the Legislature shall appoint one member of the Legislature to the commission. Such member shall be a nonvoting member of the commission.

(d) Other members shall be appointed by the Governor to represent federal agencies, local governments, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, regional economic development organizations, the private sector, postsecondary education, and youth.

(e) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority of the members of the commission at the first commission meeting in odd-numbered years and shall each serve a two-year term as chairperson and vice-chairperson, respectively.

(2) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson or a majority of the members. The chairperson shall call such meetings as he or she determines necessary to fulfill the duties of the commission. A quorum shall be one-half of the members.

(3) The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and pursuant to policies of the commission.

Sec. 2. Original section 81-3602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.